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Although I am opposed on principle to adding to personnel, except where urgently required, I do think the curtailment of Consular operations in the United Kingdom has been a mistake. We sent off today this letter on the subject.

I sent a telegram about a social matter that, trifling as the affair is, has caused us some trouble. The Secretary of War Profumo had arranged a dinner for our Secretary of the Army Stahr. Upon reading in the newspapers that Stahr had resigned to become President of Indiana University, we were queried as to whether the dinner should be cancelled, but could obtain no satisfactory response from Washington. I tried to tickle the Pentagon by suggesting

> "Since Profumo dinner for Secretary of Army Stahr, in view of his resignation, unlikely have productive governmental results, suggest, if it can be tactfully done, Profumo be notified promptly of cancellation. Baked meats will furnish forth his table for Stahr's replacement."

May 12, 1962 - Saturday

Alice and Dean left us last night, to spend the weekend in the country. When they come back for a few days, they will stay at a hotel. I hope this does not indicate dissatisfaction with ourselves and our household. It has been a joy to have them with us.

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I went out this morning, to wish Prince Philip well as he left London Airport for a flight to the United States and Canada. It is a part of protocol that when he leaves for a tour, the Ambassadors of all countries he is to visit should see him off. Prince Philip closely resembles the German members of his family; perhaps it is fancy, but I think, in spite of his talking and conducting himself like an Englishman, one would not take him for such. He is conscientious, able, and seems to have built up good will wherever he has gone on his extensive travels.

E and I went this afternoon to stay at Cliveden, with Bill Astor and his wife. She is a former English model, quite beautiful, and a charming woman. I had not